

SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Issue Workshop Format

Issue Workshop: Long Term Care and Continuum of Care

Priority Issue Statement

Restructure Medicaid/Medicare and develop private and personal funding incentives for financing and providing additional flexible options for LTC continuum.

Barriers

1. Lack of available funds
2. Political turf wars
3. Increase population
4. How care is financed
5. Passing-the-buck attitude
6. Lack of Interest
7. Federal regulations
8. Lack of coordination between federal and state programs
9. Lack of training in Geriatrics
10. Entitlement mentality
11. Lack of state and federal representatives demonstrating interest
12. Inappropriate Medicaid asset transfers
13. Institutional bias
14. Lack of education about programs available
15. Language and cultural differences
16. Lack of education for politicians on the needs of seniors
17. Wartime economy

Solutions

1. To educate the public and policymakers regarding the needs of the population for LTC services, current resources, description of services and the need for increased flexibility and reimbursement to reflect the true cost of quality care.
2. To establish a coalition to educate policymakers and elected officials, at the national, state and local levels, about restructuring Medicare/Medicaid to deal with current and projected issues.
3. To establish a program of equitable co-pay, based on income and assets for any person in the US or its territories who accesses the continuum of care.